

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2741–S2829

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2296–2304. **Page S2796**

Measures Passed:

Kilab Davenport Child Protection Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3627, to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and the bill was then passed.

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Measures Considered:

Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 2262, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Shaheen/Portman) Amendment No. 3012, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2763**

Reid Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 3012), to change the enactment date. **Page S2763**

Reid Amendment No. 3024 (to Amendment No. 3023), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2763**

Reid Amendment No. 3025, to change the enactment date. **Page S2763**

Reid Amendment No. 3026 (to Amendment No. 3025), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2763**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3027, to change the enactment date. **Page S2763**

Reid Amendment No. 3028 (to (the instructions of the motion to commit) Amendment No. 3027), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2763**

Reid Amendment No. 3029 (to Amendment No. 3028), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2763**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of

Wednesday, May 7, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. **Page S2763**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 132), Senate failed to table Reid Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 3012), to change the enactment date. **Page S2768**

By 45 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 133), Senate failed to table Reid Amendment No. 3025, to change the enactment date. **Page S2768**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, May 12, 2014, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill occur upon disposition of the nomination of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy; and that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 1 p.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2014. **Page S2824**

Expiring Provisions Improvement, Reform, and Efficiency Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2260, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. **Pages S2763–68**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to withdraw the designation of Russia as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–40) **Page S2792**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–41) **Page S2792**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. No. 113–4). The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S2823–24**

Talwani, Peterson, Rosenstengel, Hamamoto, Rosenbaum, Mitchell, and Croley Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2014, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nominations of Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, and vote on confirmation of the nomination of Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador; that if cloture is invoked on the nominations of Indira Talwani, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, all post-cloture time be considered expired and at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that following disposition of the nomination of Nancy J. Rosenstengel, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and vote on confirmation of the nomination of Theodore Reed Mitchell, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education, that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, all post-cloture time be considered expired and at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 12, 2014, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit; that upon disposition of the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Steven Croley, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, equally divided in the usual form, that any roll call

votes, following the first in each series, be ten minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S2780**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S2824–29**

Messages from the House: **Page S2793**

Measures Referred: **Page S2793**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—133) **Page S2768**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2824.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2014 Farm Bill, focusing on implementation and next steps, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Thomas Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mary K. Wakefield, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Mark Greenberg, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, and Tim Love, Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.